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The godfather of urban soul: He is the designer of Poundbury, Prince Charles's 'traditional' new town - but it wasn't always this way. The architect who was once an enthusiastic modernist tells Peter Hetherington why he converted to classicism — Leon Krier [slide show]- Guardian (UK)

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Tower has flaws; height isn't one: The fight against the Barnes Tower...has become an obsessive, one-issue cause...Rather than keep fighting over what's happening in the sky, both sides would achieve more for Philadelphia by keeping their eyes firmly on the ground. By Inga Saffron -- Burt Hill Kosar; Wallace Roberts & Todd [images]- Philadelphia Inquirer

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